Berhampur University (Orissa) a grant) of Rs. 62.24 lakhs has so far been re- j leased by U.G.C.

(b) and (c) According to the information furnished by the U.G.C., the grants have been utilised by the University for the purpose for which they were sanctioned.

(d) Does not arise.

Works undertaken by the Odissi Research Centre, Orissa

394. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are aware of the work being undertaken by Odissi Research Centre, Orissa for popularising the Odissi music and dance and conducting research on the subjects; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the assistance given by the Union Government or Sangeet Natak Akademi to the Odissi Research Centre during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI):; (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) Odissi Research Centre, Orissa has been set up by the Department of Culture, Government of Orissa. This Institution has not received any financial assistance either from Central Government or from the Sangeet Natak Akademi during the last 3 years.

Water Sports in Chilka Lake in Orissa

395. SHRl SUBAS MOHANTY; Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a pro posal to introduce water sports in Chilka lake in Orissa; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Gov ernment in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRl JAG-DISH TYTLER); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On the basis of a proposal received from the Government of Orissa, the Central Ministry of Tourism has accorded a sanction for Rs. 21.96 lakhs for introduction of water sports in Chilka Lake.

Admission of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in I.I.Ts.

396. SHRI VALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state •

(a) the number of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe candidates who se cured admission to the B. Tech. course in the IITs., during 1987; and

(b) the number of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe candidates who were ad mitted to the said course purely on merit basis in the IITs. during 1987?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOP MENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Admission to B. Tech. Pro gramme i,n IITs. is made through a Joint Entrance Examination. As per the current regulations, the Cut-off level for admis sion of SC/ST students is kept at 60 per cent of the lowest marks obtained by the students belonging to General Category. A certain number of SC/ ST students not qualifying in the JEE even after the relaxation are put in a preparatory course of about one year duration run in the IITs. and those who qualify the test conducted after completion of the Preparatory Course 'are admitted directly to the B. Tech. Programme. The total number of SC and ST candidates who secured admission to B. Tech. Programme in 1987 is 105, out of which 6 students qualified in the JEE 1987 without any relaxation.